

extension of the second side wall and an end part of the closure flap," readable on Claims 28-32, 35-54 and 57-102;

Species IIA, directed to a "bag mouth which comprises an edge of the first wall," readable on Claims 28, 35-50, 57-71, 76-89, 92 and 94-102; and,

Species IIIA, directed to an "end structure comprising a base panel upon which the bag can stably stand," readable on all pending claims, i.e., Claims 28-102.

All three of the elected species-of-invention are readable on Claims 28, 35-50, 57-71, 76-89, 92 and 94-102 (which is the same set of claims as is readable on Species IIA.)

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing elections-of-species and an early examination of the species, and claims readable thereon, so elected are respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

The first Office Action pertaining to the above-identified patent application consisted solely of an election-of-species, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Examiner has required an election-of-species, or, more precisely, an election of various sub-species, such that a single species of: (I) closure region; (II) bag mouth; and (III) bag end structure, is elected for prosecution in this application if no generic claim to all species and sub-species is allowed.